



To: All Community Development Recipients
From: IHFA Community Development Department
Date: February 18, 2003
Re: **Racial/Ethnicity Codes**

Notice: FSP-03-02

In fall 2002, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) revised standards for reporting Federal data on race and ethnicity; therefore, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development is requiring that we utilize the revised standards.

You are now required to report racial/ethnic data about activity beneficiaries into a new Hispanic ethnic category and the associated ten racial categories.

The five new single-race categories are as follows:

- White;
- Black/African American;
- Asian;
- American Indian/Alaskan Native; and
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

The five multi-racial categories are as follows:

- American Indian/Alaskan Native & White;
- Asian & White;
- Black/African American & White;
- American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American; and
- Other multi-racial.

The changes have two significant impacts on data collection and reporting:

1. Hispanic will no longer be a race category but instead will be the sole ethnicity category; and
2. Asian/Pacific Islander will become two categories of Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

Effective immediately, you need to change your application procedures to reflect the ten racial categories and a yes/no question to reflect the Hispanic ethnicity category.

IHFA has revised the set-up report, completion report and close-out documents to reflect these changes.

Please visit the following link to get the most up to date forms,

<http://www.in.gov/ihfa/comdev/comp/manuals/im/im.htm>.

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If you have questions regarding the new racial/ethnicity categories, please contact your IHFA Compliance Specialist.

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